

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:**March 2010****REPORT ON RACE TO THE TOP****STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

161.092, RSMo

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Item**COMMISSIONER'S GOALS NOS. 1-4:**

Missouri students will rank in the top 10 as measured by the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) and other national and international measures of accountability.

Missouri will provide quality, universal early childhood educational opportunities to all three and four-year olds as measured by numbers of children served and a research-based kindergarten readiness assessment.

Missouri will recruit, prepare and support effective teachers and leaders as measured by the number of qualified professionals entering the profession, demonstrated mastery of skills and competencies, and improved student performance.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will create statewide knowledge of and respect for public education through improved departmental efficiency, operational effectiveness and positive relationships with external constituencies as measured by key management benchmarks and constituent surveys.

SUMMARY:

On March 5, 2010, the U. S. Department of Education announced the state finalists for first round funding of the Race to the Top initiative. Missouri was not one of these states. However, the Department is continuing to move forward to implement significant and timely school reform measures in Missouri.

The RT3 project team will provide an update on these activities.

PRESENTER(S):

Michael Muenks, Margie Vandeven, Leigh Ann Grant Engle and Robin Coffman will present and assist in the discussion.